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PREAMBLE.

THE Members of the "IRISH CATHOLIC BENEVOLENT SOCIETY" of Quebec, being desirous of forming an Association upon an eminently Catholic, purely National, and truly Benevolent basis; and in order to create and foster, conjunctively with sister-societies, a more perfect bond of Irish Union; to illustrate and perpetuate, through the force of their example, the Divine precepts of their Faith; to alleviate, through their charitably-directed efforts, the sufferings of distress,—do ordain and establish the following Constitution and By-laws as a truthful and never-failing guide in all things appertaining thereto.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

SECTION 1. The Society shall be called the "IRISH CATHOLIC BENEVOLENT SOCIETY" of Quebec.

SECTION 2. The Members shall be composed of Catholic gentlemen of Irish birth and lineage.

SECTION 3. Its Members are not bound by any formula or pledge, further than the due observance of all rules and regulations.

ARTICLE II.

CREED.

SECTION 1. Its Members, as Catholics, feeling impressed with the sacredness of their Creed, declare that, to practice faithfully and sincerely the tenets thereof, their first great duty, rendered imperatively so, should be a declaration of unreserved allegiance to the illustrious successor of St. Peter at Rome, His Holiness Pope Pius IX.

SECTION 2. Its Members, as a body, while demonstrating their adhesion to the Head, as a consequential cause, yield implicit obedience to the Church and Clergy.

SEC. 3. Its members shall ever be found inculcating, by force of example, the great truths of Catholicity, and, in the observance of the duties of the good Christian, merit respect for themselves and profound regard for the Catholic name.

ARTICLE III.

COUNTRY.

SEC. 1. Its members, as Irishmen, believe that Ireland should be governed by Irish Laws, framed by Irish minds, and executed by Irish will and authority.

SEC. 2. All constitutional measures to restore to Ireland her long lost nationality shall ever receive their united support, directed within legitimate bounds.

Sec. 3. With the politics of Canada, its members, as a body, have no claim; their efforts shall always be to shed lustre and respect upon the Irish name.

Sec. 4. To celebrate worthily and harmoniously the anniversary of Ireland's Apostle, St. Patrick, either by Public Procession, Banquet, or *Soirée*, as the Council may determine, shall ever be the aim of the members of this Society.

ARTICLE IV.

CHARITY.

Sec. 1. In the garb of benevolence the members shall "comfort the afflicted and relieve the distressed" of their countrymen of the Catholic faith; and for that purpose, a Charitable Committee shall exist, whose motto shall be: "He that giveth to the poor but lendeth to the Lord."

Sec. 2. That, in order to mutually help and assist each fellow-member, a "Members' Mutual Benefit Fund" be organized and established within this Society, every subscriber thereto being bound to pay the uniform subscription-fee of fifty cents in advance; and on the demise of any such subscriber to the aforesaid Benefit Fund, the aggregate or total amount so subscribed by all concerned shall be immediately paid over to such party or parties as the deceased member may have elected or willed at or upon the date of his subscription to the above fund. And further,

immediately after the demise of a subscriber, a further sum of fifty cents becomes due and payable forthwith towards the aforesaid "Members' Mutual Benefit Fund," by each and every other remaining subscriber, the aggregate of which to be applied as hereinabove described; and so on the death of any subscriber enforcing the fulfilment of the provisions of this law.

SEC. 3. To create and form a Charitable Fund, so that the members may practice that benevolence which they preach, the Council may inaugurate Concerts, Lectures, or Prize-Drawings, at any time or place they shall appoint or designate; to which Charitable Fund shall also be added a fine of ten cents upon all members for non-attendance at funerals of deceased members, together with a monthly fee of five cents, due and payable by each member to the aforesaid Charitable Fund.

ARTICLE V.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 1. The officers of the Society shall consist of a President, first and second Vice-Presidents, a Treasurer, a Recording Secretary and an Assistant Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary and an Assistant Corresponding Secretary, who, together with sixteen other members, shall constitute the Council—seven of whom shall form a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 2. The election of the Council shall be vested in a general annual meeting of the Society, to be held in the city of Quebec on the first Monday in March. The election shall be by ballot, and a plurality of votes shall decide.

SEC. 3. The election of Officers shall be vested in a meeting of the Council convened for that purpose within three days after the election of said Council. The Officers shall be nominated from the Council and elected from that body by ballot, a plurality of votes deciding.

BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

SEC 1. Every candidate for admission to the Society shall be proposed and seconded at a regular meeting, and his election shall be decided by ballot at the first meeting of the Council. Each member proposing a new member shall be responsible for the first year's subscription of such new member—namely, One Dollar,—and shall, upon the admission of the member proposed, be bound to pay such subscription and receive the new member's ticket of membership.

SEC. 2. Each and every member shall pay an admission-fee of One Dollar annually to the Treasurer of the Society, between the first day of September and the first day of March following; and no member shall be allowed to vote whose annual fee is not paid on or before these dates.

SEC. 3. All motions shall be made in writing, with the names of the mover and seconder, which shall be handed to the Secretary and read by the Chairman. All persons, when speaking, shall address the chair standing, and not speak more than twice on the same question, unless by permission.

ARTICLE II.

SEC. 1. The President, after holding office for the first year, may seek re-election for the second; but in no case can he hold office for more than two years in succession.

SEC. 2. The President, at the request of five members of the Council, shall instruct the Secretary to call special meetings of the Society; and no other business shall be transacted than that which it is specially called for.

SEC. 3. The Treasurer can pay no moneys of the Society unless voted by the Council; and at the end of his term of office, he shall present a financial statement, exhibiting receipts and disbursements, with vouchers certifying the same, duly attested by any three Auditors named by the Council.

SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all the moneys of the Society, to deposit the same in one of the Chartered Banks of this city, or otherwise, as the Council may determine. He shall keep an account-book, entering therein all his receipts and disbursements; which book shall be balanced, audited, and laid on the table at every quarterly general meeting.

SEC. 5. The Recording Secretary shall keep a truthful record of each meeting inscribed on the

Minute-book of the Society provided for that purpose, and shall call, when ordered, meetings of the Society.

SEC. 6. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to receive and communicate the instructions of the Council, and conduct the correspondence of the Society.

ARTICLE III.

SEC. 1. The property of the Society, in the shape of banners, regalia, &c., must, in all cases, be deposited for safe keeping in the hall of the Society, under the charge of the Council.

SEC. 2. Meetings of the Council shall be held whenever deemed expedient by that body; and general meetings of the Society shall be held on the 1st Mondays in March, June, September, and December of each year.

SEC. 3. A Charitable Committee of five shall be appointed by the Council from their number, who shall investigate all cases of distress reported to them; and all Irish Catholics, or their descendants, being Catholics, who may be in indigent circumstances, if found worthy, shall be fit and proper persons to receive aid from the Society.

SEC. 4. The Council shall submit to every general quarterly meeting a written statement of its proceedings and an account of the Society's funds.

SEC. 5. No change or alteration can be made in the Constitution and By-laws, unless at a general meeting of the Society called for that purpose, due notice having been given of such desire thirty days previous. Such change or alteration can only be made by a majority of three-fourths of said general meeting, at which there shall not be less than thirty-two members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

Order to be Observed at Meetings.

At all meetings of the Society, the following Order of Business shall be observed:

1. The Minutes of the previous meeting shall be read by the Secretary, and confirmed, if correct.

2. Unfinished business.

3. Reports of Council and Committees shall be announced by the presiding officer, and read by the Secretary.

4. Reading of correspondence.

5. Approval of names recommended for membership.

6. Admission of members so recommended and approved.

7. New motions.

8. Patriotic readings, essays, and addresses.

9. Adjournment.

LIST OF OFFICERS.

President.....RICHARD ALLEYN.
1st Vice President.....FRANCIS McLAUGHLIN.
2nd Vice President.....JAMES A. QUINN,
Treasurer.....JAMES SHEA.
Recording Secretary.....J. S. REDMOND.
Assistant-Secretary.....JAMES DOOLEY.
Corresponding-Secretary.....P. J. O'BRIEN.
Asst.-Corresponding-Secretary..MARK TUCKER.

COUNCIL.

MATTHEW F. WALSH,
JOSEPH SMITH, SNR.
JAMES F. GOLDEN,
JOHN POWER,
TIMOTHY O'CONNELL,
GEORGE MANNING,
JOHN O'DOWD,
JAS. BYRNE,
JOHN KAIN,
JOHN CONWAY,
RICHARD BARDEN,
NICHOLAS FITZHENRY,
JAS. J. BRADY,
JOHN SHERIDAN,
BERNARD P. GUNN,
PATRICK WALSH.

Charitable Committee.

JAMES SHEA,
JAS. F. GOLDEN,
GEORGE MANNING,
PATRICK J. O'BRIEN,
JAMES BYRNE.

Chaplains.....THE REV. CLERGY OF ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH.
Physician.....DOCTOR AHERN.
Auditors.....FRANCIS GUNN, JAMES CREIGHTON, WM. SLATTERY.
Grand Marshal on Foot.....JOHN POWER.
Grand Marshal on Horse.....MICHAEL HAYES.

List of Members.

A.

Alleyn, Richard.
Ahern, Doctor.

B.

Bolger, Richard.
Byrne, James.
Burke, John.
Barden, Richard.
Bennett John.
Brady, Jas. J.
Bogue, Jas. J.
Butler, Thos.
Brennan, John.
Burns, Wm.
Burns, Thos.

C.

Coolican, J. S.
Coolican, T.
Creighton, James.
Coleman, Thos.
Conway, John.
Cunningham, James.
Carbray, William.
Coogan, Michael.
Conway, Peter.
Cream, Edward.
Coleman, Patrick.
Coleman, Maurice.

D.

Dowling, James.
Dooley, James.
Doyle, Thomas.
Dunn, Thos., J. P.
Dooley, Thos.
Dunn, James.
Duggan, Thos.
Dobson, Jno.
Doran, James.

E.

English, Edward.

F.

Fitzhenry, Nicholas.
Fitzpatrick, Jno. J.
Fitzgerald, John.
Foley, Edward.
Feore, Patrick.

G.

Golden, Jas. F.
Gunn, Fras.
Gunn, Bernard P.
Grogan, Patrick.
Grogan, Simon.
Grogan, Stephen P.
Griffin, Patrick.

H.

Hayes, Michael.
Hayden, Michael.
Hogan, Patrick.
Horan, Patrick.
Humphrey, John.
Horan, Jeremiah.
Hickey, James.
Hynes, Michael.
Hogan, Edward.

K.

Kain, John.
Kain, John, Jr.
Kelly, James.
Kindelan, Bernard.
Kelly, Michael.
Keenan, Michael.
Kennedy, Patrick.
Kiley, Patrick.

L.

Leonard, Bernard.
Lawlor, John.
Lawson, Thos.
Lawlor, Patk.
Lyng, Thos.

M.

Murray, Denis.
McLaughlin, Francis.
Molony, Thos.
Murphy, Henry.
Mullins, John.
McGoldrick, James.
Manning, Geo.
Moss, Edward.
McDonald, Michael.
McNamara, Patk.
McLaughlin, Mark.
Malone, Thomas.
McMeal, Michael.
McNamara, Michael.
McKenna, Lawrence.
McSweeney, Daniel.
Malloy, Charles.
McCann, Jas.
Murphy, Wm.
Moore, William.
Murphy, Owen.

N.

Nolan, David.
Nolan, Michael.
Nolan, Patrick.
Nolan, John.
Neville, Martin.

O.

O'Dowd, John.
O'Dowd, John, Jr.
O'Brien, Patk. Jr.
O'Brien, Wm.
Orr, James.
O'Neill, Joseph.
O'Malley, John.
O'Connell, Timothy.
O'Leary, John.
O'Brien, John.
O'Connell, Thomas.
O'Hare, Denis.

P.

Power, John.
Power, Wm. F.
Patterson, Richard.
Powell, John Hugh.
Paul, James.

Q.

Quinn, Jas. A.
Quinn, Michael.

R.

Redmond, Patrick.
Redmond, Jas. S.
Reardon, Denis.
Ryan, James.
Ryan, John.

S.

Shea, James.
Shea, Timothy.
Shea, John.
Smith, James.
Sheehy, Patrick.
Sheridan, John.
Slattery, Wm.
Smith, Joseph.
Smith, James.
Sullivan, James.
Shields, Michael.
Slattery, Richard.
Swindell, Ed.

T.

Tucker, Mark.

W.

Walsh, M. F.
Walsh, Patrick.
Walsh, George.
Walsh, James, N.P.
Watters, Francis.
Walsh, T. J.
Walsh, Wm.

P.